

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) The method according to claim ~~12~~ 21, wherein the flat structural member includes at least one veneer sheet with ~~a~~ the resin film, and with a separating material provided on both sides thereof, and wherein the heating step is effected in a device that supplies the heat.
3. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein the flat structural member includes at least two of the veneer sheets each covered by the separating material, and each of the veneer sheets is connected to an intermediate layer of a core material.
4. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 3, wherein a fabric is arranged between the core material and the respective veneer sheet.

5. (Currently amended) A fire-retardant flat structural member, produced according to claim ~~12~~ 21, wherein on at least one side thereof the veneer is covered by a the resin film and on both sides thereof the veneer is covered by a separating material.

6. (Previously presented) The fire-retardant flat structural member according to claim 5, wherein at least two veneer sheets are configured as a composite body with a core located therebetween.

7. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein the separating material is at least one of a release paper and a release foil.

8. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein the device is at least one of a heating press and an autoclave.

9. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein the fabric is a fiber fabric.

10. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein the fabric is resin-impregnated.

11. (Previously presented) The member according to claim 5, wherein the separating material is at least one of a release paper and a release foil.

12-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) The method according to claim ~~12~~ 21, wherein the applied pressure is from 0.5 to 7 bar.

15. (Currently amended) The method according to claim ~~12~~ 21, wherein the fire-retardant flat structural member is produced over a period of time of from 10 to 120 minutes.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) The method according to claim ~~12~~ 21, wherein the ~~vapor-phase~~ evaporated water that is ~~removed~~ exhausted from the veneer sheet draws the ~~liquid~~ liquefied resin into the pores by capillary action.

18. (Currently amended) A fire-retardant flat structural member, produced according to the method of claim ~~12~~ 21.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently amended) A fire-retardant flat structural member comprising:

a veneer sheet having pores (i) from which water has been removed as a vapor phase through edges of the member by heating the veneer sheet and a resin film initially disposed thereon under an applied pressure and (ii) that are subsequently provided with ~~a liquid~~ liquefied resin drawn from a the resin film initially disposed on the veneer sheet under the applied pressure by action of the vapor phase water drawing the ~~liquid~~ liquefied resin into the pores.

21. (New) A method of producing a fire-retardant flat structural member comprising the steps of:

disposing a resin film on a veneer sheet having pores; and  
supplying heat to the veneer sheet such that (i) water bound in the pores of the veneer sheet evaporates and is exhausted from the pores thereof and (ii) the resin film is liquefied by the heat, the exhausting evaporated water drawing the liquefied resin film into the pores of the veneer sheet,

the step of heating being effected under an applied pressure such that the evaporated water exhausted from the pores flows out through edges of the member.